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Mittens and Books for Christmas



Nine-year-old Anthony Marino and eight-year-old Solena Verne are excited about the Fort Erie Public Library (FEPL) mitten and tree campaign that assists a number of local agencies and churches with their Christmas clothing drives. New books and mittens, gloves and scarves can be donated at all three of the FEPL's branches.

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Still counting

► Resident files application for judicial recount into results of mayoral race

Kris Dubé
The Times

The local mayoral race continues as an ongoing story.

On Monday, local resident and former councillor Bill Brunton applied for a court order to hold a hand recount of ballots in the race between incumbent Doug Martin and 13-year councillor Ann-Marie Noyes.

Brunton will be represented by lawyer Eric Gillespie, who is also the legal representative for appellants of the Crystal Beach Gateway Project.

A time frame for the court date has not yet been solidified, but this Friday a hearing is expected and a judge will determine whether a hand recount is warranted.

After last Tuesday's recount, Martin was again deemed victorious with 4,836 votes compared to Noyes' 4,831.

Kim Craitor MPP

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Decision coming on Monday

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In Brunton's affidavit submitted to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, he explains that he served as a member of the local council from 1997 to 2000 as the representative for Ward 2. He also ran for mayor in 2003, but was defeated by Wayne Redekop.

"As a result, I am familiar with the municipal electoral process, both as a former member of council and as a candidate for mayor," he wrote in the statement.

After the Nov. 9 recount, it was determined that about 60 ballots were not read by the vote tabulating machines, either because electors did not fill in the allotted space properly or because some people chose not to cast a vote in the mayoral race.

"Given that the election for mayor has been decided to date by a margin of five votes, it is clearly possible that some or all of these 60 to 64 ballots could change the result of the election," said Brunton.

"There appears to be good reason to doubt the results of the election for mayor until

such time as the validity of these ballots has been correctly determined," reads a portion of his affidavit.

Noyes said there will be fundraising efforts taken if the second recount is given the green light when she was asked if any money from her own pocket would go toward the hand count if it is granted by the court. She also said leaving her name off the application to avoid having to file that cost as expenses in her election financial statements was not done purposely.

"I haven't really thought that through," said Noyes on Monday.

"As a concerned citizen, (Brunton) has the right to make the petition," she added.

Noyes echoed statements from the affidavit, agreeing that because there were at least 60 ballots that registered in the voting machines as blank or with an improperly filled-out mark a hand count should take place.

"With an election being this close, we need to look at those ballots," she said.

Mayor Martin said he is not

surprised someone else's name other than Noyes' is attached to the application.

"We anticipated this and that someone other than the candidate would come forward," he said.

Martin has his legal team ready and is confident he will be named mayor for the third time since Oct. 25 if the hand count proceeds.

"We expected this and we're prepared for it," said Martin.

On Friday, the Hon. Theresa Maddeleina heard case from both Brunton and the Town of Fort Erie and said a decision on whether the hand count will take place will be provided on Monday.

Details on when will pay for the second recount if it is granted will also be outlined in her decision, explained Martin shortly before press time on Friday.

On Wednesday, an impromptu closed-session meeting was called, where councillors voted on whether or not to support the next recount. It was defeated by a vote of 4-1 with Noyes and Martin declaring conflicts of interest.

A real crowd pleaser



Four-year-old Saffron Cote performing for her friends and family at TASC Niagara's first annual drama production, held at the Crystal Ridge Community Centre on Wednesday. Over 200 people enjoyed the cast's rendition of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat and TASC would like to thank everyone who donated, sponsored or volunteered at the event.



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Conservatives getting ready to choose their candidate

Two out of three candidates for Niagara Falls PC nomination reside in Fort Erie

Kris Dubé
The Times

There will definitely be a Fort Erie connection to this year's Progressive Conservative nomination vote for the Niagara-Falls Fort Erie riding.

On Nov. 23, registered members of the party will be choosing who they would like to see run for the position of member of provincial parliament, to represent Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake. Out of the three choices available, two of them are from Fort Erie.

Sandy Annunziata, current councillor for Ward 1, put his name into the contest in Aug. 2009. While on the campaign trail, he said a renewed interest in the party and politics in general is evident, mostly because people are concerned with the direction the current provincial government is heading, he said.

"We need to get people excited about a better future in Niagara and certainly Ontario," said Annunziata, who spent six years in the Canadian Football League from 1999 until his last game in 2005. He won a Grey Cup with the Edmonton Eskimos in 2004 and another the next season with the Toronto Argonauts.

He said there are many things that he feels need to change from the current level of government being provided at the provincial level, but said the average household is feeling the burden of taxes far too much.

"The interests of hard-working families have to be first and foremost," said Annunziata on Thursday.

He said "each municipality has its own challenges" but when it comes to Fort Erie, attracting new business is essential. He feels the current legislation on provincially significant wetlands needs to be reconsidered, so it is easier for entrepreneurs to invest in their communities without so much "red tape" and "bureaucracy."

"We have to be shovel-ready to welcome new business and industry," said Annunziata, who operates an athlete-consulting business called Body Science.

Although Annunziata is attempting to make the leap from municipal to



Arlene White



Sandy Annunziata

provincial politics, he said his vision hasn't changed and that he will take his accomplishments from his four years with the local council and put it to practice as MPP if he receives the nomination and is later elected.

"Ultimately, it's about serving the constituents as best as you can," he said.

The other local resident running for the same position is Arlene White, who has held the position of

executive director of the Binational Tourism Alliance since October 2005 after working for the Ministry of Tourism for six years.

White, like Annunziata feels there is a strong discontent among the people of Niagara and all of Ontario toward the quality of governance the McGuinty Liberals have provided.

"It's been very exciting, hearing comments from

people and the concerns they have," she said.

White feels more jobs need to be created and more funding needs to be made available for education, cutting down tuition costs for students entering college and university, while more services and programs need to be implemented at the elementary and secondary levels.

"People are not happy with the way things are being done at Queen's Park," said White.

She said whoever is successful in receiving the nomination, she hopes they won't be reluctant to take action immediately.

"It has to be someone who can hit the ground running," she said.

Considering White's occupation deals specifically with cross border issues and tourism, she notices not enough focus being paid from the province to the communities that are gateways into the U.S.

"Queen's Park is not pay-

ing attention to the border communities and what happens at the border is critical for the entire province," said White.

Another area White would like to see improvement in is the relationship between politicians in Canada and the U.S., saying they don't know enough about each other's plans and policies.

"All levels of government have to work together."

When it comes to politics on Canadian soil, she agrees more teamwork between municipalities, the province and the federal government should be exercised.

"One level of government can't fix everything, you have to collaborate."

The third contender in the race is George Lipp, from Niagara-on-the-Lake.

The nomination event will take place this Tuesday at the Sheraton Fallsview in Niagara Falls and is open to all registered members of the party.

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Salvation Army kettle campaign co-ordinator Anne Waters with mayor Doug Martin at Town Hall on Thursday, kicking off the annual fundraiser.

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Other programs being offered are the Low Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) in partnership with Canadian Niagara Power and Enbridge Gas. Households struggling to pay their bills are eligible to be given relief after an approval through a screening process.

A similar program for relief with water bills is also being offered.

"It's very important to provide this in Fort Erie," said Paterson.

The Fort Erie Salvation Army is also the recipient of Niagara College's Many Hands funding, a project that assists a different non-profit every year with much needed renovations. After filing an application, the local non-profit was chosen as the benefactor.

Improvements for food bank storage, the facility's kitchen and roof will be made between students in the college's event management and construction programs.

"It's absolutely fantastic," said Paterson.

Next year, a community garden will start growing more than it has already as it is expected that members of the community will take plots in the garden and decide on their own who will benefit from it.

For more information on any of these programs, contact Paterson at (905) 871-1592.

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Roadshow Extends In Ft. Erie Due To Popular Demand!

By Jason Delong

Treasure Hunters Roadshow
STAFF WRITER

Yesterday at the **Holiday Inn**, hundreds lined up to cash antiques, collectibles, gold and jewelry in at the Roadshow. The free event is in Ft. Erie all week buying gold, silver antiques and collectibles.

"It is unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$712.37."

One visitor I spoke with yesterday said "It's unbelievable, I brought in some old coins that had been in a little cigar box for years and some old herringbone necklaces and in less than fifteen minutes I left with a check for \$712.37. That stuff has been in my jewelry box and dresser for at least 20 years." Another gentleman brought an old Fender guitar his father bought

Gold and Silver pour into yesterday's Roadshow due to highest prices in 40 years.



Above • A couple waits with anticipation while Roadshow expert examines their antiques and gold items. The Roadshow is at the Holiday Inn this week.

years ago. "Dad had less than fifty bucks in that guitar." The Roadshow expert that assisted him, made a few phone calls and a Veterinarian in Seattle, Washington bought the guitar for \$5700.00. The seller continued, "I got another \$150.00 for a broken necklace and an old class ring, it's

not everyday someone brings six thousand dollars to town with your name on it."

Jeff Parsons, President of the Treasure Hunters Roadshow commented, "Lots of people have items that they know are valuable but just don't know where to sell them.

Our International Collectors Association members are looking for the following types of items.

- COINS Any and all coins made before 1967. This includes all silver and gold coins, dollars, half dollars, quarters, dimes, nickels and pennies. All conditions wanted!
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• ADVERTISING ITEMS Metal and Porcelain signs, gas companies, beer and liquor makers, automobile, implements, etc.

Old toys, trains, swords, guitars, pocket watches or just about anything old is valuable to collectors. These collectors are willing to pay big money for those items they are looking for."

This week's Roadshow is the place to get connected with these collectors. The process is free and anyone can bring items down to the event. If the Roadshow experts find items their collectors are interested in, offers will be made to purchase those items. About 80% of the guests that attend the show end up selling one or more items at the event.

Antiques and collectibles are not the only items the Roadshow is buying. "Gold and silver markets are soaring," says Archie Davis, a Roadshow representative. "Broken jewelry and gold or silver coins add up very quickly. I just finished working

with a gentleman that had an old class ring, two bracelets, and handful of silver dollars... his check was for over \$650.00. I would say that there were well over 100 people in here yesterday that sold their scrap gold."

One gentleman holding his check for over \$1250.00 in the lobby of the event yesterday had this comment, "I am so happy I decided to come to the Roadshow. I saw the newspaper ad for the event and hrough in an old

German sword I brought back from World War II and some old coins and here is my check. What a great thing for our community. I am heading home now to see what else I have that they might be interested in."

The Roadshow continues today starting at 9am. The event is free and no appointment is needed.

"If you go to the Roadshow, you can cash-in your items for top dollar. Roadshow representatives will be available to assess and purchase your items at the Holiday Inn through Saturday in Ft. Erie."

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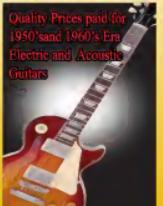
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our editorial

Be sure to donate locally this holiday season

Local businesses and the Greater Fort Erie Chamber of Commerce have always expressed the importance of shopping locally. This mindset should also apply to people when making donations to non-profit organizations...especially this time of year.

On page four, you will read a story about programs and services being offered at the local Salvation Army and the family and community services manager Donna Paterson made a statement that we agree with entirely.

She said it is important for people to make sure they their change for local donations and not for other charities campaigning outside of town.

Often people will find themselves shopping in St. Catharines or other places in the region and will be approached by a volunteer of a non-profit for a contribution. Their causes

are no more worthy than what is offered in Fort Erie, but people need to realize their donation won't touch someone they might know, living in their own hometown.

A simple explanation to the volunteer is all you need to give, saying "sorry, I donate in my own community."

Anyone volunteering with a charity knows how important that is and will likely understand and not look at you as a person without compassion.

But when you get back into town, make sure you do make that donation rather than just saying you will.

There are several non-profits in Greater Fort Erie that need our support right now and whenever one you want to donate to... do it soon before it gets too late.

-Kris Dubé

Holiday season approaching quicker than most realize



Marc MacDonald
 Reporter's Notebook

You know the old adage, "if you can't beat 'em, join 'em?"

Well, as we gradually push November off of our calendars and eagerly await the final month of the year, it might just be the best time to heed the advice in my opening

words of wisdom.

I've long been a vigilant advocate for the promotion that all things Christmas refrain from showing themselves until the official flip from Nov. 30 to Dec. 1.

After all, isn't 25 days of your face, non-stop, still the season mumbo jumbo and displays enough time to get us all "in the spirit"?

The simple answer to the posed question directly above is yes, that is more than sufficient time. However, it's been

quite some time since we've lived in a time where the holiday was more about the friends and family and less about the latest gizmo and gadget - although don't get me wrong, that's a really cool part of it and I'm still hoping for an Xbox.

In today's world companies have to capitalize on the market for the latest in glitz and glam, and that's understandable - that's business.

And as a result we get

mid-November and our television commercials grab the theme in everything they advertise; there is no escaping it.

Even many of our Santa Claus parades are held in November now - I don't remember that being the case when I was a much younger lad.

To quote Bob Dylan, the times they are a changing.

I often used to make sure that when given the opportunity - or if it required an interjection - I would gripe about how

early the stores put up their decorations or how people should wait to turn their Christmas lights on.

Truth be told, I was probably a grinch before December rolled around, and come December I upgraded from a grinch to a Scrooge.

Now, though, many years later, I've come to the realization that embracing what you cannot control will alleviate a great deal of unnecessary headaches and stresses.

So whether it be

November or December, I'm OK with the holidays being ever-present, because lets face it, there is no way to beat 'em in this scenario.

The only thing I ask is that we don't let things get to the point where Halloween is taking a back seat to the Christmas preview.

If you would like to leave me feedback, call me at (905) 871-3100 ext. 208 or send me an email at mmacdonald@forterietimes.com.



Do You Remember?

The people in the centre of last week's photo holding the portrait of a dog are Raymond and Evelyn Chouinard. This extraordinary dog was Tippy a six-month-old Shepherd/Lab mix who jumped into the cold, icy Niagara River to rescue their eight-year-old son Brian. For his bravery, Tippy became one of the first inductees to the Purina Animal Hall of Fame. Also in the photo are Bill Hewitt (Foster Hewitt's son) far right and a Purina representative. Thank you to Evelyn for sharing your story with the Museum.

This week's photo shows three gentlemen in

front of a display showing the modern wonders of natural gas heating.

Does anyone know their names and where and when this photo was taken?

Please call the Museum at (905) 894-5322 or send an email to museum@forterietimes.com.

opinion page

It's time to concede and move on, says Lockwood

Dear Editor,

As a young person, if you are fortunate enough to play competitive sports the most important lessons to learn are how to play fair and how to lose graciously.

Fort Erie's 2010 election is over, well almost, but in conversation with another politician this is one the dirtiest campaigns she had seen in 16 years of municipal politics. Whether it was using a hidden camera, trashing signs, spreading lies about a candidate's personal life, or bullying another candidate because he supported your opponent, it's time

many did NOT behave like gentlemen and ladies. Have we been so influenced by outside cultures that this is what we have to look forward to in the future?

Also, the election is over, the results are in and Doug Martin is our mayor. The Clerk's office did an excellent job of tabulating a very close finish.

Fort Erie's clerk Carolyn Kett is the most professional and conscientious civil servant I know. Another recount will only again confirm the outcome and cost the taxpayers even more money. It's time

Councilor Noyes (and her cronies) conceded, accepted her defeat, and let the town move forward. If one really wanted to help the town, then donate the money you are spending on lawyers to COPE, Kinsmen's Gift of Love or a charity of your choice.

I'm proud Canada is a country that's known to be courteous, orderly, and gracious in victory and defeat. It's time to learn those lessons, move forward, and remember this for the next election.

Martha Lockwood
Ward 5 Coun.

Protect our natural heritage, says reader

Dear Editor,

C.L. Miller is correct in the recent letter saying "Crystal Beach isn't limited to being only a summer destination" and "our tax base will increase with every new resident".

There is a thriving full-time community living in our area. Property values in Crystal Beach have increased 90 per cent in the last ten years. According to the July 2010

Town of Fort Erie Subdivision Status Report, there are already several new developments registered for Crystal Beach. We don't need or want urban intensification on our 400 feet of public waterfront.

Peter Partington's Policy Statement is "one of regional councils objectives to increase the health and sustainability of our natural environment for current and future genera-

tions. It is more important than ever that we recognize those among us who are working to protect and preserve the quality of the environment for present and future generations".

Fort Erie has spoken. Our councillors are mindful of the importance of preserving our natural heritage. We must protect what we can't manufacture.

Cheryl Schoenwille
Crystal Beach

The TIMES Asks

Do you hope that Fort Erie gets a snow-filled winter season?



Arnold Mueller



Darcy Mueller



Barb Nimm



Rae-Anne Gibson

"I hope we get lots of snow, like we did when we were younger."

"I hope we do get a lot of snow and it's cold and frosty."

"I like fresh snow every day without the melt and not too much that you have to shovel all the time. I hope we get that."

"I like the snow, even though I drive in it every day. I just hope it's not too cold."

What do you think?

E-mail: editorial@forterietimes.com or call 905-871-3100, ext. 207

Legion branch thanks poppy campaign supporters

Dear Editor,

Thank you to all who contributed to our 2010 Poppy Campaign. Branch 230's area encompasses No Frills and Wal-Mart on the east, through Ridgeway, Crystal Beach, Stevensville and north to Netherby Road.

We especially thank those who volunteered their time to canvas the beat of the poppy campaign such as Cadets from the Black Creek Navy Cadet League,

1st Stevensville Boy Scouts, RCBSHS Blue Devils football players and Crystal Beach Public School. It was a pleasure to work with the young people during this year's campaign.

Money received in this campaign is placed in the Poppy Trust Fund and is used to improve life for people in our community. Some of the many ways this money is used include providing financial assistance to Veterans, ex-service members and their dependents, supporting medical training

and research, and the provision of community medical appliances which will assist in the care of veterans. It also funds the purchase, construction and maintenance of housing and care facilities for elderly and disabled persons, providing bursaries to children and grandchildren of veterans and supporting drop-in centres for seniors.

Barb Hopkins
Br. 230 president



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For detailed information, there is an Information Sheet for each of the boards and committees and relevant by-laws available on the Town's website www.forterie-on.ca by clicking on the "Boards and Committees" banner.

The appointments are for a four (4) year term commencing February 1st, 2011. The boards and committees meet on a regular basis, usually monthly, and the boards and committees act voluntarily except members of the Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee.

(1) ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Eight (8) citizen appointees, majority with disabilities and one (1) Member of Council.

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To improve, beautify and maintain municipally-owned lands, buildings and structures in the Crystal Beach B.I.A.; promote the area as a business or shopping area and maintain stereotypical capital.

Crystal Beach B.I.A. Annual General Meeting to be held Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.

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(5) COMMUNITY GAMING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF FORT ERIE – Eight (8) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.

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(6) COMMUNITIES-IN-BLOOM COMMITTEE – Seven (7) citizen appointees, one (1) staff member and one (1) Member of Council.

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(7) FORT ERIE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Six (6) residents from the Fort Erie community including at least one person with a disability; one (1) Fort Erie student representative attending a secondary institution; one (1) Fort Erie student representative attending a post secondary institution.

To provide a committee for residents, elected officials and health professionals to meet on a monthly basis for the purpose of improving conditions for people powered transportation (walking, biking, rollerblading) for utilitarian and recreational purposes.

(8) FORT ERIE CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Six (6) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.

To provide advice and/or recommendations regarding the operation, care and control of the Town-owned cemeteries and mausoleum.

(9) FORT ERIE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Eight (8) citizen appointees and one (1) Member of Council.

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To promote awareness of Fort Erie's cultural heritage within and outside the boundaries of the Town focusing on Museum Services and Built Heritage. This committee will be comprised of two sub-committees as follows: (1) to manage and operate the Town's museum facilities; and (2) to advise Council with respect to matters relating to the conservation of built heritage. Museum Board, Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee and Pointe Ronde Lighthouse Advisory Committee recently merged to form the new Committee.

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(13) SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – Seventeen (17) citizen appointees comprised of two (2) representatives from the Seniors' Association, one (1) representative from the Canadian Hemiplegic Association, two (2) representatives from Seniors' Clubs, two (2) representatives from Seniors' for the period ending with the year 2010; one (1) representative from Dandilions; one (1) representative from Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 71; three (3) representatives from Black Creek Leisure Homes Senior Group; one (1) representative from Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre; Senior (4) community representatives; one (1) large and one (1) small.

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Sugarbowl becoming a real treat for dog owners

Leash-free dog park expected to be complete by early December

Kris Dubé
The Times

A new facility expected to open within the next couple of weeks has a lot of tails wagging.

An off-leash dog park is nearing completion at Sugarbowl Park, one of five locations considered by the Town and the community-at-large.

In July, council directed Town staff to enter into a public consultation process and held an open house that was attended by about 40 people, who were among the 500 that received notices in the mail that their input was sought, considering they live in close proximity to one of the five possible locations.

In the end, the Sugarbowl



It appears it will be successful and a well-used facility."

— Signe Hansen

was deemed the most suitable by residents and council directed staff to get started in September. The facility falls under the Town's parks and open space master plan.

Signe Hansen, manager of parks and open space development for the Town, said the response from the public so far has definitely been more on the positive side and that she hasn't heard much grumbling about the chosen spot.

Even though it isn't officially open to the public, the feedback has been supportive.

"It appears it will be a

facility," said Hansen.

But she does want people to know, the park will drastically improve very soon as there are some finishing touches that need to be done and will make the final product quite the treat.

"We have a number of amenities we're looking to add to the park over the next couple of weeks," said Hansen.

The other locations considered were the Battle of Ridgeway park, Stevensville Memorial Park, United Empire Loyalist Park, Waverly Beach Park and the Crystal Ridge Park.

The budget set aside for the canine-friendly project is \$25,000 which Hansen estimates is enough for a quality space for dogs and their owners to enjoy an afternoon.

"We'll probably come in just under that once everything is all squared away."

No specific date has been given for an official opening, but Hansen said it will likely be at the beginning of December.



Twin sisters Brianna, left, and Alanna Bell with their dogs Boston and Cheeko on Tuesday.



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HIAFE needs local support

Non-profit organization hopes community will get involved in upcoming home tour fundraiser

Kris Dubé
The Times

The Head Injury Association of Fort Erie (HIAFE) was founded many years ago in 1987 and has been providing a number of services locally since then. If this is going to continue, the agency says, the community needs to pitch in a little more, says HIAFE board treasurer Shirley Athoe.

When the agency was founded by herself and another local mother Jackie Denham, both of whom have survived a brain injury, it was a mission to create a means for families to be provided with assistance and programs.

"It happens to the whole

family, not just the individual," she said.

It can be a challenge, providing around the clock care for someone with an acquired brain injury as it consumes so much time and energy.

"It's very difficult," she said.

She continued by pointing out a couple of upcoming fundraisers the HIAFE has in the works currently, saying it is a means that help keep the agency alive, but only by a thread.

With dwindling bingo revenues being felt by non-profits all over Greater Fort Erie and a lack of government funding, it is a year-round challenge even though the community should support for events like the organization's home tours and the annual Mayor's Cup charity hockey game.

"It's up to us to raise all the funds and it's a challenge," said Athoe.

"It's a desperate need," she added.

She feels the community needs a better understanding of how many local families there are that rely on

HIAFE's services. There are about 100 clients that receive assistance from the agency, most of whom need help on a regular basis, she said. Athoe also suggested a drop-in to the Niagara Parkway office or a phone call to touch base with one of the workers three or four times a year. Either way, the community needs to become more involved.

"We certainly need to create more awareness," said Athoe.

Steve Cox is a recently sworn in board of directors member, who just recently moved back to Fort Erie after graduating from the speech pathology program at Central Michigan University. He has a passion about giving back to his home community, which is one of the main reasons he decided to contribute a lot of his time to the HIAFE, along with having friends and family members with brain injuries.

"At a basic level, it's about helping your community, but there are so many people that can be helped," said Cox.

At the same time, Cox says

people need to be aware about brain injuries and the measures you can take to avoid them, especially in the most susceptible age group, 17 to 25.

"It's as simple as wearing a helmet when you ride a bicycle," he said.

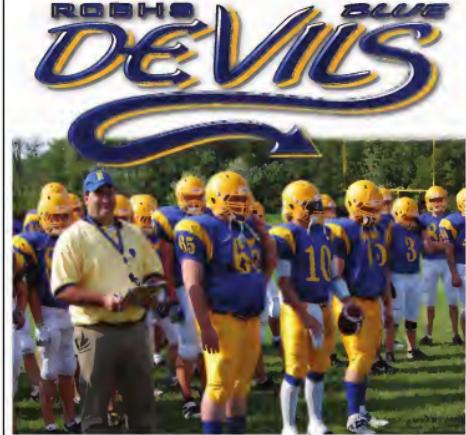
On Sunday Dec. 5, the HIAFE will be holding its 7th annual Home Tour. The cost is \$20 and those who participate will have the privilege of viewing several elaborately decorated homes for the Christmas season. There are also prizes available, including a sketched portrait by local artist Jill Johnston. The tour runs from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and registration is at 11 a.m. at 100 Niagara Parkway at 11 a.m.

Another fundraiser the HIAFE has in the works is a raffle for tickets to three games at the World Junior Hockey Championships in Buffalo on Dec. 31. There are six tickets in total for all three games.

Contact the HIAFE at (905) 871-7789 to get involved in either or both of these fundraisers.



Head Injury Association of Fort Erie board members Steve Cox, left, and Shirley Athoe with a variety of prizes available through upcoming fundraisers the local agency is hoping the community will support.



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Learning about Niagara's birds

Kris Dubé
The Times

Niagara has a unique and diverse bird population and two Niagara-based authors have collaborated to tell you all about them.

John E. Black and Kayo J. Roy have recently penned a book titled *Niagara Birds*, a publication that is over 600 pages in thickness and provides a plethora of information about the variety of species that flock to the area at different parts of the year.

Black is an avid bird watcher who arrived to Niagara in 1966 to teach Physics at Brock University. In 1993, he began research on the migration of birds on weather radar and on the nocturnal calls of migrating birds.

Results of his findings have been published in all

Birders' Journal and he played a pivotal role in the compilation of the *Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas*.

Roy moved to Niagara from the Greater Toronto Area in 1976 and became seriously interested in bird habits through his photography hobby. While his business as a retirement and pension consultant occupied most of his time, his passion for bird watching gradually took over most of his spare time. He is a former executive member of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists, currently known as Ontario Nature and is a past-president of the Niagara Falls Nature Club.

Black said compiling the interest and knowledge of both authors has created a superb finished product that nature lovers from all

over will appreciate.

"We decided to combine our resources and write something together," said Black.

According to both of them, there hasn't been a book like this published since the 1960s and was later updated in 1970. Their recent piece of work is current and provides up to date information about Niagara and the birds that fly here.

There are sections in the book that touch on history, the geography of the region and how it affects bird habitats. Also, detailed information about 368 species of birds in the area are given.

"There's a page for just about every bird," said Roy, who also explained the finished product would not have been possible without the participation of other bird watchers and Niagara Club.

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over will appreciate.

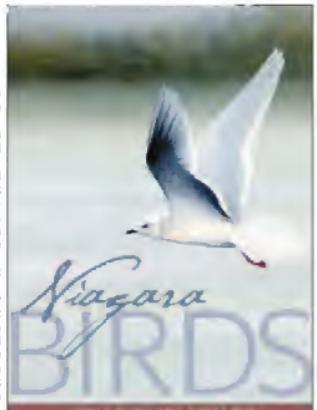
"We have contributions from many authors," said Black.

Black and Roy both said they compiled their work for this elaborate publication not to make money, but to educate people on a topic they are passionate and knowledgeable of.

"We really want to get it out to the public," said Roy.

The book was partially funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which will allow for it to be made available in Niagara high schools along with Brock University and Niagara College.

To order a copy online, you can visit www.brocku.ca/tren/nia-garabirds.



The front cover of Niagara Birds, a book authored by Kayo J. Roy and John E. Black that provides detailed information about many species of birds in the area.

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Students design 'beautiful bags'

Marc MacDonald
The Times

Art students from Ridgeway Crystal Beach High School and Lakeshore Catholic High School joined with members of the Fort Erie Arts Council to create a variety of decorated bags that, if you're looking to give a "green" gift this holiday season, would fit perfectly.

Beginning with plain cloth tote bags to use as a canvas the students, as well as artists in the council, were asked to come up with an original work of art that were up for sale on Thursday at the Crystal Ridge Library.

This concept, of having artists come up with an original work of art while being both environmentally and community friendly, was brought from Cambridge, ON when Nancy Dumbrell, who chaired the process, moved to Fort Erie last September.

"The thing I really appreciate about it is the involvement of the students," said

Dumbrell of having the first ever Beautiful Bags sale with the Fort Erie Arts Council.

"It helps to make aware to the students that there is an Arts Council in Fort Erie and that there is a place for their art."

With over 60 bags initially given to artists as blank canvasses, the transformation from plain to unique and colourful was on display in abundance.

The designs included everything from Christmas themes to cartoons, light-hearted quips and words of inspiration.

"The bags are absolutely gorgeous," said former board member Lynda Goodridge. "The kids did a wonderful job and they make a great idea for an inexpensive Christmas gift."

Over and above the final outcome of the bags, Goodridge was also elated by the work and effort put in by the students.

"We were just so thrilled with the local students came up with, they were all very original," she said.

"And we're just thrilled

with the way they put their talents to work."

With bags for sale at \$15 apiece, all proceeds will benefit the Fort Erie Arts Council and its activities that promote the arts throughout the community.

Overall, the creation of these bags was a fun, enjoyable and simple project.

"It's easy to do and inexpensive," said Dumbrell. "Everything you see is very original and the artists were very creative."

If there are bags that did not sell at the library, the bags would be eligible for purchase in the gift shop at the Arts Council's gallery located at 209 Ridge Rd. in Ridgeway.



Ben Featherston, left, Diane Osborn and Lorraline Pichette of the Fort Erie Arts Council pose with a few of the many bags that were on sale at the Crystal Ridge Library on Thursday. The bags, created by local high school students as well as artists in the council sold for \$15 each and were going fast, as the designs and colours offered something for everyone.

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National Child Day



Mayor Doug Martin took some time out of his afternoon on Thursday to create some arts and crafts with Ruby Bartok and Blake Train along with the rest of the Stevensville Early Learning and School Age Club, celebrating National Child Day.

Preventing and managing chronic disease

Three health care goals to be discussed at two-part event

A two-part event to enhance Chronic Disease Prevention and Management (CDPM) in Fort Erie will be held on Nov. 22 and 30.

Using the Triple Aim framework, participants will identify local priorities related to CDPM and as a group, build an action plan to improve the health of their community.

The Triple Aim framework, developed by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI), balances three health system goals: Improving the health of the population, enhancing the experience of care, and fiscal sustainability.

In preparation for the event, LHIN staff held

focus groups with more than 60 Fort Erie citizens and in interviews with approximately 20 individuals, including politicians, local health, community and social service providers in Fort Erie. The goal was to provide them an opportunity to identify local factors that contribute to chronic disease, and, understand what they believe Fort Erie already has to offer, and what opportunities exist, related to preventing and managing chronic disease.

Three main themes that emerged from the interviews and focus groups are health education, health system co-ordination and population health.

Additional themes, considered enablers to support activities, include geography, affordability and communication. These main themes and enablers, in addition to other important information, including environmental factors and

We know that Fort Erie is a community that is passionate about its local health care."

—LHIN CEO Donna Cripps

existing data, will form part of the foundation for discussion during part one of the event on Nov. 22.

Participants will develop local goals related to chronic disease prevention and management, and will outline possible strategies and actions to meet these goals.

The purpose of part two of the event on Nov. 30 is to confirm the identified goals, strategies and actions to enhance CDPM in Fort Erie, and to work with local organizations to determine a method to set these actions in motion.

Chronic conditions are the leading causes of illness, disability and poor quality of life.

"We know that Fort Erie is a community that is passionate about its local health care," said Donna Cripps, chief executive officer of the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network.

"This initiative provides an opportunity to identify, build and implement a local plan for the community, by the community," she added.

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Marc MacDonald
The Times

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With information about the bridge crossings at the push of a button, the mobile service provides daily commuters, sports fans and regular travelers a quick, convenient way to obtain border wait times while already on the go, with hopes of eliminating as many headaches as possible.

"We're always looking to improve the border crossing experience," said Matt Davison, director of communications at the Peace Bridge.

On average the site sees about 4,000-7,000 visitors a month and roughly 200 per day with substantial increases when teams like the Buffalo Bills, Sabres, Bandits or Bisons play or when there are concerts or trade shows.

"We want to

We're always looking to improve the border crossing experience."

— Matt Davison

continue to improve on that number," said Davison. "It really is a big game-day thing and the frequent crossers are really getting the most use out of it."

The site is updated every half hour during peak times and every hour during the slower times and days, a time frame that Davison says is acceptable because not a lot can really change in the course of a half hour.

Wait times are listed not only for the Peace Bridge, but for the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge and the Rainbow Bridge as well.

Motorists are reminded to check the times before they depart and to refrain from browsing the site while they are behind the wheel.

Davison says that this technology is extremely useful, especially when there are large fluctuations in the amount of daily crossings, much like those in the near future with both holiday shopping and Black Friday shopping on the horizon.

To access the site go to mobile.peacebridge.com to check all of the latest wait times for all three bridges.

Cornerstone at St. Luke's



BRAD MURPHY Special to The Times
St. Lukes' Lutheran Church held an unveiling of its new cornerstone last Sunday. In this photo are Rev. Kevin Baghole, Betty Goss, Collin Cameron and Mike Doan. The new church is expected to be ready for service by Easter 2011.

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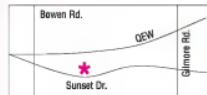
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Painting Erie Beach



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Van strikes pole



On Friday around 12 p.m., the Niagara Regional Police and the Fort Erie Fire Department were called to the scene of where the driver of a minivan carrying two people struck a utility pole on Central Avenue. Nobody was injured.

Meteors hold St. Catharines to only two goals last Saturday

General manager says team needs to stop taking 'dumb' penalties

Marc MacDonald
The Times

When you're 1-18-1 and sit alone in the basement of the conference standings after your first 20 games, it can be difficult to cling to any type of hope, anything positive.

But, for the Fort Erie Meteors, they are starting to see that the difference between a 9-2 blowout loss - like the one they suffered against Niagara Falls last Friday - and a 2-1 nail biter - like the game against the St. Catharines Falcons the following night - is often very small.

The difference between last weekend's pair of games can essentially be broken down to penalties, and the fact that in the latter of the two games, the Meteors took far fewer.

"It was something that we stressed and that we talked about after the game against Niagara Falls," said general manager Tony Passero.

"We have to stay out of the penalty box - It was a 4-2 game going into the third period [versus Niagara Falls] and we took dumb penalties and they had three power play goals and ended up 5-13 on the

power play."

The message must have gotten through, as the Meteors only gave up five power play opportunities against the Falcons and held a team that is averaging over four goals a game to only two, blanking one of the best power play teams with the extra man in the process.

"We were in the game the whole time and we played a full 60 minutes," said Passero of the team's rebound effort.

"We stayed out of the penalty box and that was a big difference, we just have to turn it up offensively now."

Passero, who is a big believer that if you take care of business in your own end, the offensive side of the puck will come a little easier.

With Vincent Merante

making a home between the posts for the Meteors, the back end is looking strong, as the netminder made 47 saves in each of his past two games.

But in order to keep that back end strong, the Meteors will have to cut down on the number of penalties they take, especially the ones Passero calls "dumb".

"Hockey is an instinctive game, a tough game and it happens fast," he said. "Penalties happen, but if you take a tripping penalty because you're lazy it's going to hurt you."

The Meteors, are looking for your support, not just when they're on the ice, but when they're off it as well, hosting their Pasta Night on Dec. 2. Tickets can be purchased on game nights or by calling Tony Passero at 905-871-7462.

New look at Canadian Tire



Canadian Tire's senior vice-president of merchandise Duncan Reid, left, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 71 member Tom Armstrong, associated dealer Patti Mills-Roy and Ward 5 Coun. Martha Lockwood at the store's grand re-opening on Remembrance Day. Canadian Tire is renovating all of its stores across the country.

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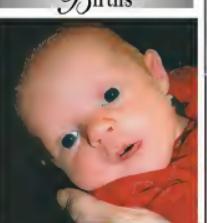
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Anniversaries



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COLLINS, John Dennis - John Collins passed away Monday November 15th at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 75. Proud father of Claudette Collin-Doumoulin, Doreen Ferguson, Joseph Collins and Daniel. Grandfather of 10 and great grandfather of Keith Ferguson, Sydny Ferguson and Eli Doumoulin-Collins. Also survived by his brother Donald (his wife Loren) and his sister Mary-Alice, many nieces and nephews, his extended family, many friends and coworkers. A service will be held at the Benner Funeral Chapel on Friday at 11 am. If so desired, donations to the Poppy Fund. Br. #771 would be appreciated by the family.

HANCOCK, Karen Yvonne (nee Lee) - In the night of death, hope sees a star, and listening, love can hear the rustle of a wing" Poetry by Karen Hancock. Karen Hancock died suddenly at the Greater Niagara General Hospital in Niagara Falls on Friday, November 19th, 2010 after a very difficult journey. She leaves behind her loving husband, Doug Hancock, and her cherished children, Timmy, Janet, Jamie, Barbara Hancock, Vanessa Hancock, and Dalton Hancock and her brother Adrian (Sarah) Lee. Sadly missed by the members of the Hancock family, Patricia and Eric Hancock, Julie and Dave Storring, Janet and Ray Smith, and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at the Benner Funeral Chapel on Saturday, November 27th at 11:00 am. Funeral arrangements available at www.bennerfuneralservices.com

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Deaths

CAVES, George Charles - It is with great sadness that the family of George Charles Caves, announce his passing at Bluewater Health on Sunday, November 14, 2010 at the age of 86. Beloved husband of the late Judith (Sister) Caves (2006). Loving father of Chris Caves and Lori and her husband David McKinlay both of Sarnia. Cherished grandfather of Sydney and Paige McKinlay. Dear brother of David (Mary) Caves and his wife, Linda. Also survived by his late brother, Gord Caves, son from CN Railway and was a longtime member of the Optimist Club. Family and friends were received on Wednesday, November 17, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at SIFTON FUNERAL HOME, 118 Wellington St. St. Thomas, Ontario, S1B 1M6. A private service will be held immediately following at the funeral home. The interment followed in Elmwood Memorial Park, St. Thomas. Sympathy may be expressed through donations to Muscular Dystrophy Canada (Myotonic). Memories and condolences may be sent online at www.smiththomson.ca. Arrangements entrusted to BENNER FUNERAL HOME, Sarnia.

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You are always by our side.
Our love for you will never end.
And nothing seems the same.
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

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Musician taking his 'Burning Love' overseas

Bass player for Toronto-based band excited about 32-date European tour across ten countries



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— Dave O'Connor

Kris Dubé
The Times

Dave O'Connor's band requires him to split a lot of time between Fort Erie and Toronto, starting this week he will be far removed from both places.

On Wednesday, the local musician and bass player for the Toronto-based hardcore band Burning Love and the rest of his crew will be heading off on a 32-date European tour with stops in ten countries such as Italy, Germany, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic and the Netherlands.

The band did a two-week tour of Europe last year but this time around is a lot more exciting, especially since they will be headlining every show on the schedule, says O'Connor.

"It's going to be a lot of fun to go back there," said O'Connor.

Last week, the band returned from the second leg of their U.S. tour with over 30 dates on the west coast, playing in parts of California, Texas, and Kentucky to name a few. Prior to that, Burning Love rocked about the same amount of shows on the east coast of the U.S. going as far south as Miami, Florida.

He said some shows were better than others on the U.S.



Local resident Dave O'Connor, middle, with the rest of his band Burning Love, who left this week for a 32-date European tour spanning across ten countries. Their full-length album, Songs for Burning Lovers, is available on iTunes.

tour, as they were the opening act for Coliseum, a well-known underground metal band from Kentucky signed to Relapse Records.

O'Connor hopes every tour in Europe will be a success but is prepared to accept a smaller turnout at some of the dates.

"Some days are better than others, but it's cool to be able to do it," he added.

"There's not a lot of people who get to do this kind of stuff," he added.

The lead singer in O'Connor's band, Chris Colohan, is a very well-known name across the globe in underground punk and metal circuit, mostly due to the popularity of his band Cursed, who are recognized all over the world as being one of the genre's heavyweights. O'Connor said although the rest of the band does carry its own weight, it helps having his name attached to the roster.

"We're lucky in that sense, people are already interested in the band," he said.

The tour wraps up about a week before Christmas.

Burning Love's full-length album *Songs for Burning Lovers*, on Deranged Records, is available on iTunes.

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Brick

To the man who was impatient with a woman trying to pull out of her parking spot on Jarvis Street. You kept on trying to pull out around her, but your truck was blocking her view. Honking and screaming racial slurs at her was disgusting...grow up and learn some respect!

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